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2010 Waterfront
 Parking Permits
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To: 

It's easy, convenient and economical. Purchase a 2010 Annual Waterfront Parking Permit from any Waterfront parking kiosk or at the Waterfront Administration Office located at 132-A Harbor Way. Permits are valid from date of purchase through December 31, 2010. The cost for a general permit is \$95. Slip permittees pay \$70. Captain Helene Webb designed this year's colorful sea urchin permit. For more parking information call 564-5523.

24th Annual Parade of Lights

Competition was close between the 27 boats competing for Best Overall Float in the 24th Annual Santa Barbara Harbor Parade of Lights. Packed with good tidings, lighted boats were adorned to this year's theme, "Underwater Wonderland." Starfish, mermaids, squid, seahorses, yellow submarines and more were subjects that surfaced under a clear, crisp sky before teeming crowds of onlookers. The Grand Prize, an Oregon resort getaway for 15 people care of Seacoast Yachts, plus \$1,500 cash from the POL Committee, went to Bernard Friedman's commercial fishing vessel *Perseverance*. Congratulations to all participants. Please join us on December 12, 2010, to celebrate our 25th POL Anniversary.

2009 POL 1st Place Winners:

- Grand Prize - Best Overall Float**
Bernard Freidman, *Perseverance*
- Commercial Fishing - 1st Place**
Bernard Freidman, *Perseverance*
- Commercial Other - 1st Place**
Paul Noury, *Grand Times*
- Power Boats - 1st Place**
David DeLorie, *Arboleda*
- Sail Boats - 1st Place**
Nick Ise, *Isn't It*
- Human Power - 1st Place**
Tara Brown, *Kayak*



Photo: Commercial fishing vessel *Perseverance* earns Best Overall Float

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verify that there is a serviceable life jacket of appropriate size for every person onboard before you leave the dock (children under 13 are required to wear life jackets whenever they are on deck). File a float plan with a close friend or relative who will notify Harbor Patrol or Coast Guard if you don't return as planned.

The Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard Cutter *Blackfin* remind you to ensure you have required safety equipment onboard before you leave the harbor. Both agencies train and work jointly to respond to vessels in distress. By having your safety equipment onboard you make it easier to be located and increase your chances of surviving an emergency.

2010 Event Schedule

Sail & Boating Safety Course	April 6
Operation Clean Sweep	May 8
Harbor Nautical Swap Meet	May 15
Independence Day	July 4
Harbor & Seafood Festival	October 9
Parade of Lights	December 12

Harbor Commission Schedule

January	1/21/2010
February	2/18/2010
March	3/18/2010
April	4/15/2010

Harbor Commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers

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Monday through Friday
 8:00 a.m. to noon
 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 Harbor Patrol: 564-5530
 Maintenance: 564-5522
 Parking Services: 564-5523
 Office Fax: 560-7580

(805) local area code

Construction Begins on Marina One Replacement Project

Karl Treiberg, Waterfront Facilities Manager

Construction is underway for Phase 1 of the Marina One Replacement Project. To comply with current electrical codes, the entire shoreside electrical system needs replacement, including a new transformer behind the West Marine Building feeding newly installed electrical conduit out to the Travel Lift Pier. From there, five submarine electrical cables will be routed beneath Fish Float South to a new electrical panel located at the foot of the Marina One gangway. The majority of trenching in Harbor Way has been completed and work now shifts to "waterside" elements of the project.

Waterside work includes replacement of 1,200' of main headwalk from the gangway out to the Marina One Expansion (Q, R, and S fingers). New concrete docks fabricated in northern California will be trucked to the harbor beginning in February. The new headwalk will be constructed alongside the old headwalk, allowing access to all of Marina One during construction. Once the new docks are assembled, the old docks will be demolished and transition docks from the new main headwalk to A through P fingers will be installed. These transition docks will be incrementally replaced as future phases of the project are completed.

Phase 2 Construction, which involves replacement of O and P fingers, is tentatively scheduled for fall 2010. Approximately one construction phase will occur annually until all of Marina One (A through P fingers) has been replaced. Waterfront staff will continue to work with our contractor, AIS Construction, to minimize disruption to boaters. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this important project.

Does Your Key Card Work?

The Waterfront Department is beginning its biennial rollover of gate key expiration dates. What this means is that over the next few months, depending on your slip location, keys throughout the harbor have a scheduled "turn off" date. The Department does an automatic update (rollover) of the expiration date and all keys assigned to your account will be renewed.

For most of you, this rollover should be seamless. However, there will undoubtedly be those that get missed. Perhaps you have keys from a partner who is no longer on your permit, or you have accidentally traded keys with a buddy. If your keys don't work, please bring them to the office during regular business hours and we will try to make sure all the keys you have are "on." This is



Photo: Marina One Replacement Project Phase 1 trenching for cable installation

also a good time to check the location of all keys assigned to your account. If you don't know their location, we can get those AWOL keys out of the system. Thanks for your assistance.

Successful Reverse 9-1-1 Test at the Waterfront

On Friday, September 19th, the County tested its Reverse 9-1-1 alert system at the Waterfront. Over a period of two hours, 2,612 test calls went to slip permittees and tenants, both in the harbor commercial area and on Stearns Wharf. Of these calls, 2,148 (82%) were either answered directly or delivered successfully to an answering machine. The Sheriff's Office and City's Emergency Services Manager consider this rate of "connection" a significant success. Remaining calls were either operator interrupted (possibly blocked), fax tones, busy or "timed out." Waterfront staff is working with the County to identify and reconcile phone numbers in these categories in order to maximize coverage in the event of a true emergency.

Meanwhile, Waterfront staff has begun Phase 2 of its information distribution project. In the coming weeks and months, we will work to identify means and methods—either by telephone, email or both—for alerting slip permittees or tenants to non-emergency events that would not warrant a Reverse 9-1-1 call (see companion article in this issue of *Docklines*).

Harbor Laundry Reopens

The Harbor laundry room reopened for marina users on August 21st. Its new operator, Web Service Company, runs 30,000 laundry rooms in California, Nevada and Hawaii. Locally, Web provides laundry service for UCSB, Cal Poly, condominiums, apartments and a laundry room in Ventura West Marina. Considered an industry leader, Web has been in business since 1947.

The laundry room, which includes six washers and six dryers, is available 24 hours per day for marina key card holders only. To help prevent vandalism and loitering, the laundry room is no longer open to the general public. Laundry machines use a card reader system instead of coins or cash. Laundry cards may be purchased for \$5 at the laundry room with a credit or debit card. Once the laundry card is purchased, it is activated by adding value to it in \$6, \$10 or \$20 increments, again using a credit or debit card.

A wash costs \$1.75 (less than the laundry room on the Mesa, which starts at \$2.75 for a small load). Dryers cost \$.75 for 45 minutes. The laundry room is already enjoying considerable use and response to the new card reader system has been positive.

Got Email?—Let Us Know

As described in a companion article in this issue of *Docklines*, Waterfront staff is working on ways to contact you in case of emergency or to inform you of events or activities that are important but not an emergency. Regarding the latter, we are researching phone and email services that may be used separately or in conjunction with one another when we need to contact you with an important, non-emergency message. Examples might include temporary loss of electrical power to your dock or the need to relocate your vessel during a maintenance project.

Make sure we can contact you via email by forwarding the best email address or addresses at which you can be reached. Include your name and slip number with which your email address is associated and send to Kathy Sangster at KSangster@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

Thanks for participating in our ongoing effort to keep you informed of events and/or emergencies at the Waterfront that may affect you, your berth or your vessel.

New Municipal Code Changes in Effect

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager

Department staff annually reviews Title 17 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code ("Harbor") to ensure that it accurately and adequately describes policies and procedures used to administer Waterfront affairs and provides the legal framework for doing so. Earlier this year, the Harbor Commission supported and City Council adopted the following changes to Title 17:

1. Vessel Partnerships. The Department has long required that slip permits be issued to individuals. Vessels assigned to slips, however, may be owned by many different types of entities. In recent years, an increasing number of vessels are owned by complex partnership, trust and corporate structures. Municipal Code Section 17.20.005 (B) 2 (b) was previously revised to require that if an entity, and not an individual, owned a vessel, the entity was obligated to demonstrate that the named slip permittee also had the authority to legally bind the vessel's ownership entity.

The vessel's ownership entity was not required to notify the Department when a change in the make-up of the ownership entity occurred. To correct this so that the Department is notified when a change in the ownership structure occurs, language has been added to Municipal Code Section 17.20.005 (D) 1 requiring that vessel owners notify the Department when a sale or transfer of an interest in a vessel occurs. With this notification, the Department can ensure that the proper legal connection between vessel owners and slip permittees exists and, for administrative purposes, to accurately match vessel owners to slip permittees.

Formerly, vessel owners were only required to notify the Department about an ownership change when the change precipitated a slip transfer. The new language requires notifications to the Department whether the change triggers a slip transfer or not.

2. Impound and Relocation of Vessels. Municipal Code Section 17.20.220 (A) allows the Waterfront Director to impound and relocate an illegally moored, docked or berthed vessel to any location in the Harbor District (City Waters). Finding suitable locations to store impounded vessels, especially vessels removed from the water, has proven difficult as the storage can impede normal harbor operations by taking up space at vital facilities like the Waterfront Maintenance Yard. In addition, staff has encountered persistent problems with owners of impounded vessels illegally accessing vessels stored in the Harbor District. New language allows the Waterfront Director the discretion to store an impounded vessel at a location of his/her choosing. This alleviates operational impediments and illegal access problems described above until all legal and financial issues related to the impound and storage

of the vessel are resolved and the vessel is returned to its owner. The new language also affords the owner of an impounded vessel the opportunity to request and receive a hearing to determine validity of the impound.

3. Anchoring Vessels Within Waters of Harbor District Not Designated as Seasonal or Year-Round Anchorage. Municipal Code Section 17.20.265 A (2) prohibits anchoring in Harbor District waters that lie outside boundaries of the Seasonal and Year-Round anchorages, between sunset and sunrise. The purpose of this prohibition is safety and environmental concerns from vessels anchoring or drifting outside designated anchorage areas. Because this provision does not specifically address the 300' strip of water between the western boundary of the Seasonal Anchorage and Stearns Wharf during daylight hours (posing threats to the Wharf and Mission Creek), a new provision was added to prohibit anchoring in this area during day or night without prior permission of the Waterfront Director.

The City's Municipal Code, including Title 17, may be viewed online at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov. Click the "government" tab to locate a PDF version of the document.

You fall in the water. What now?

Monica Broumand, Harbor Patrol Officer

The water in Santa Barbara Harbor is cold, averaging 55-65 degrees. It conducts heat away from your body faster than cold air and more quickly than your body can reheat itself. Cold-water immersion can "knock the breath out of you," resulting in water inhalation, anxiety and disorientation. Continued immersion numbs the extremities (making it difficult to swim), followed by hypothermia, unconsciousness and death.

If you fall off a boat or off the dock, get out of the water as quickly as possible. Swim to shore or rocks or look for a boat with a swim-step or boarding ladder. Boats with outdrive motors can be used by stepping on the upper gear housing above the prop. Learn how to put air in your clothing to help you float or use a dock line, fender, skiff, kayak or anything else that floats to hold onto. Call out for help if you cannot immediately get out yourself.

Once you are out of the water, get in dry clothes, including a warm hat, to avoid hypothermia (it's a good idea to keep extra clothes and blankets on your boat for emergencies). Seek medical attention for prolonged exposure or injuries.

Shoreside, be aware of your footing while boarding and disembarking, walking about your boat or walking on the dock. Use a flashlight or headlamp at night if necessary to see cleats, boarding steps and other potential trip hazards. Keep your boat deck and docks around your boat free of ob-

structions and keep hoses, excess dock lines and shore-power cords stowed in a tidy manner. Place personal flotation devices (PFDs) on small children, even if they know how to swim. Know who to call for rescue response and medical aid. In Santa Barbara Harbor, contact Harbor Patrol at 564-5530 or call 9-1-1.

If somebody else has fallen in, think safety first. Are conditions safe to affect a rescue? Keeping the victim in sight, call Harbor Patrol for assistance. Be aware of slippery surfaces or being pulled into the water by the person you are trying to assist. Look for items that float to throw to the person in the water and help direct them to the easiest place to climb out. If at all possible, don't jump in the water to help; this is a last resort and typically should only be undertaken after donning a PFD. If you have to pull the victim onto the dock, be sure you have sufficient help and lift correctly to avoid back injury.

In boating, a "man overboard" is among the most common emergencies. Remain aware of all your surroundings aboard a boat. Avoid drinking too much alcohol. Most falls into the water in Santa Barbara Harbor involve intoxicated people who stumble and trip from a dock or boat. These victims are also apt to be more confused and unable to pull themselves out.

Be prepared for any emergency, including falling in the water, by planning in advance. This will help you achieve what we all want: safe boating.

Harbor Festival Rocks the Waterfront Again

Under cool, cloudy autumn skies, thousands of locals and visitors attended the 8th Annual Harbor and Seafood Festival on October 10th. Commercial fishermen provided fresh lobster, shrimp and crab straight from their boats. Other vendors offered barbecued albacore, clam chowder, lobster bisque, paella, fish tacos and fresh oysters. Besides the seafood bounty, visitors enjoyed 42 arts-and-crafts booths, cooking demonstrations, boat rides, tall-ship tours and marine-related educational opportunities. Wendy Hofstetter of Gualala, California won a SMART Car raffled off by the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

While enjoying the activities and seafood, festival goers soaked up live music from two groups: *Spencer the Gardener* and *Fish and the Seaweeds*. Overall, the event was a terrific success. So, circle your calendars for Saturday, October 9, 2010, the date of next year's Harbor and Seafood Festival.

REMINDER: All California DMV vessel registrations expire December 31, 2009. Please make sure you have renewed your vessel registration and placed your 2011 sticker on your boat.

Vessel Safety Equipment—Don't Leave Port Without It

LTJG Steve Baldovsky, CO CGC BLACKFIN

Capt. Steve McCullough, Harbor Patrol Supervisor

Before you leave home for work you no doubt review a mental checklist: keys, cell phone, lunch, sales report for the boss. When you go boating, even for a quick day trip, you need to run down another checklist—the safety checklist.

Imagine this scenario: Four friends leave the harbor early one morning and proceed to the Channel Islands for a relaxing day of fishing. The weather is great and fish are practically jumping in the boat.

On the way back to port that evening, at about mid-channel (shipping lanes), the boat's engine breaks down and will not start. No big deal, right? Call the Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol or Vessel Assist. Except the VHF radio doesn't work and you are outside your cell phone service area. Better shoot off a flare to attract someone's attention. Except there are no flares onboard. Perhaps sounding an alarm with a sound signal will help. Except there is no sound producing device onboard. It is definitely time to put on life jackets. Except there are none onboard; they're in your truck at the harbor. Now, adrift with no power and sunset approaching, you're in a truly dangerous predicament.

Luckily for the boaters in this (mostly) true story, they had been boarded by the Cutter *Blackfin* while they were fishing. After determining they were missing almost all required safety equipment, Coast Guard officers terminated their voyage. While being escorted back to their home port, their engine did break down, and fortunately for them the Coast Guard was already on scene to tow them home.

Smaller vessels operating near shore, including kayaks, skiffs, personal watercraft, stand-up paddleboards and catamarans, also have equipment requirements that cannot be overlooked, especially since wind, current, swells or a boat wake can overcome an operator's ability or capsize their craft. Harbor Patrol rescued several kayakers this summer that had lost their paddles and were blown offshore. In another incident, a Hobie Cat passenger was separated from the boat after capsizing. There were no life jackets aboard and, tragically, he was never found.

Not sure what equipment is required on your vessel? Use the online vessel safety check tool at www.boatcourse.org/vesselsafetycheck.htm, review the ABC's of California Boating Law at www.dbw.ca.gov/Pubs/Abc/, schedule a free Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel safety check or ask Harbor Patrol for information and related literature. Always

Working together for a clean Santa Barbara Harbor!

CLEAN MARINA CORNER

Environmental Boating Law—What Every Boater Should Know

Patrick Henry, Harbor Operations Assistant

Sewage—a subject generally avoided as dinner conversation but nonetheless a subject of serious concern, especially near the ocean. Sewage from your holding tank or porta-potty must be disposed of properly to avoid polluting the harbor and nearby ocean waters.

The harbor has two porta-potty disposal stations and four pumpout facilities for holding tanks. One porta-potty disposal station is located at the west end of Marina One, outside the restroom area near the Youth Foundation dock. The other station is located at the east end of the launch ramp.

The marine sanitation device (MSD) pumpouts are located on the City Pier by the fuel dock, the west end of Marina 1 near the restrooms, further east on Marina One between P & Q fingers and still further east between R & S fingers. There is no reason to illegally dump MSDs anywhere within state waters, let alone the harbor, especially since these facilities are free.

Our children, grandchildren and visitors swim in local ocean waters. We owe it to them and to all types of marine life to keep the ocean environment free of human waste. Harbor Patrol and the US Coast Guard work hard to ensure compliance with sewage disposal laws and, as such, violators will be cited. Questions about the rules? Contact Harbor Patrol at 564-5530. For questions about sewage pumpout procedures, or if you encounter a problem with the equipment, contact Waterfront Maintenance staff at 564-5522.